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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

PROMILA BHOLA, L.P.N. LICENSE # NP 03700500

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent, while employed as a nurse at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital on May 12, 2013, was assigned to monitor patient R.D. via continuous observation from 1:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. Pursuant to facility policy, respondent was to observe the patient at fifteen minute intervals and initial the observation sheet. R.D.

was a "total care" patient who used continuous oxygen, had a feeding tube, and was unable to communicate.

Respondent signed the observation sheet indicating that she had visually checked R.D. every fifteen minutes during the assigned time period. However, a video review of respondent's actions demonstrated that respondent did not observe the patient for more than 90 minutes, as she observed the patient at 1:11 p.m. but did not visually check on the patient again until 2:45 p.m. No harm to R.D. resulted.

The Board finds that respondent's inaccurately indicating that she had visually checked on the patient, and respondent's failure to follow facility policy and visually observe R.D. every fifteen minutes, constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), and professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without admissions and without further proceedings, respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and the Board finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, ON THIS 30 DAY OF March, 2015
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and (e).

2. Respondent shall, within six months of the filing of this order, document completion of a nursing ethics continuing education course and a continuing education course in nursing and the law, both to be pre-approved by the Board. These courses shall not be eligible towards satisfaction of a respondent's continuing education obligations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy

PhD, APN,

I have read and understand The within Consent Order and Agree to be bound by its terms.

Promila Bhola, R.N. LPN